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What's Behind the Gag?

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(Editor's Note: A special subcommitte of the Benata Armed Services Committee is kneeding inflicity praparedness and "museling" of military personne. This articles is an abridgment of an eight-part series of background articles prepared by Senator Thurmond.)

THE PURPOSE of the investigation is not to promote sensationalism, spotlight Communists, or persecute individuals, Rather, it is to go to the source of the policy which authorizes or is responsible for:

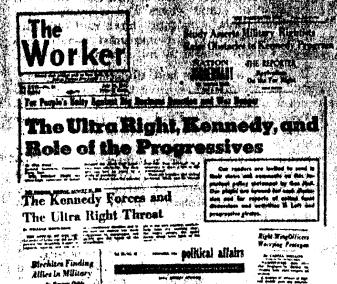
- (1) Soft-pedaling statements on communism in speeches and articles;
- (2) Shelving or de-emphasizing troop-training programs designed to acquaint military personnel with our insidious Cold War enemy and his brainwashing techniques, which worked so well in the Korean War because our troops were ill-prepared; and
- (3) Discouragement of utilization of military personnel and facilities in Cold War seminars designed to give the public a better appreciation of the enemy, as authorized in a 1958 National Security Council directive:

Americans should have a full examination of these policies so they can decide whether they want present policies continued or modified. The study I have made thus far of these policies convinces me that they have a deep, underlying purpose which has not been readily apparent to the American public. This purpose is to combat the enemy in the Cold War with a strategy which can be best defined as a no win rolley.

We don't propose to win the Cold War because we abhor only the aggressive, totalitarian aspects of communism. In fact, we seem to be determined to join their professed revolution by adopting for ourselves and many of our allies the same social and economic measures which the Communists use as balt to attain their goal of world domination.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., administrative assistant to the President, has described experimentation in these social and economic proposals as "democratic socialism."

If the American people desire a no-win foreign policy and a domestic policy of "democratic socialism," then they should have full information on such policies, Above all, they should have complete information on the enemy we face the Cold War so they can determine, as they



This montage of newspaper and magazine headlines was prepared by Senator Thurmond to show the transfer of Red Ideas from the Communist press to non-Communist publications. The large headline from The Worker was used over an article by Gus Hall, Secretary General of the Communist Party, USA, in which he urged an alliance against what he called the threat of the "altraright" and the "military-hig dualness complex." The articles in the top and bottom right—from the Washington Post and New York Times, respectively—attracted Senator Thurmond's strention to the Fulbright Memorandum.

have a right to do whether these policies best fit the most effective prescription for maintaining our constitutional republic and the many blessings of liberty it has been able to preserve for us through the years.

If, however, our military leaders are suppressed in their anti-Communist statements and seminars and everyone who speaks up against communism or the hidden policy changes in this country is to be labeled a "fanatic," "extremist," or "super-patriot," then the American people will be robbed of their right to make the choice with full facts necessary to make such an important determination.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director and author of Masters of Deceit, has stated: "We cannot hope to successfully meet the Communist menace unless there is a wide knowledge and understanding of its aims and designs."

Implicit in Mr. Hoover's statement is the realization that there is no wide knowledge and understanding of Communist alms and designs.